
MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Odermat called the November 8, 2004 meeting of the Medina City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mary Odermat, Deputy Mayor Todd Nunn
Council members Miles Adam, Drew Blazey, Katie Phelps, Bob Rudolph,
Pete Vall-Spinosa

City Staff Present: Douglas Schulze, City Manager; Kirk Wines, City Attorney;
Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Shel Jahn, Public Works Director; Joseph Gellings,
Director of Development Services; Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Rudolph requested discussion of Medina Park and Ordinance 12.24.025.
- Nunn requested Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor

Mayor announced:

- City Hall would be closed, Thursday, November 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day
- Annual Suburban Cities Association (SCA) meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th, 5:30 p.m., at Embassy Suites Hotel in Tukwila
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting scheduled for November 17th, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall
- Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan Public review draft would be available to public, November 12th; the public comment review period would be November 12th through November 17th

Mayor thanked Council members for attending Ronald McDonald House Benefit Auction and Linda Crum, Medina Police Department, for her effort organizing the Auction.

Mayor stated Medina residents, Democrat Ross Hunter and Republican Rodney Tom, were elected as State Representatives to Legislative District 48.

Staff (7:11 p.m.)

Schulze announced a Court Order was received regarding consolidated cases on court jurisdiction; deadline for appellants to file with the Court of Appeals is December 4, 2004.

Schulze stated advisory signs, with color pictures, will be installed in Medina Park and public docks warning residents to avoid eating Northern Pike Minnow and Squaw Fish from Lake Washington and to limit consumption of Yellow Perch and Cut Throat Trout. Schulze added the State Department of Health would notify citizens with fishing licenses and those with private access to Lake Washington waterfront.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wines requested to withdraw Reconstruction Definition Ordinance from Consent Agenda and place under New Business, due to revision made by Planning Commission (7:21 p.m.).

MOTION BLAZEY, SECOND PHELPS TO PASS CONSENT AGENDA WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEM F5, RECONSTRUCTION DEFINITION ORDINANCE AND MOVE TO NEW BUSINESS, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 7:27 P.M.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None (7:27 p.m.)

REPORTS

Police Department (7:27 p.m.)

Chen informed Council the Police Department was successful apprehending a mail theft suspect. Confiscated mail was returned and suspect jailed.

Corporal Yourkoski's involvement uncovering an identity theft and counterfeiting ring was acknowledged by Chen.

Chen conveyed a steady stream of vandalism has occurred at the Park and Ride, but incidents have tailed off.

Chen indicated four suspects involved with defacing personal property on 18th and Evergreen Point Road, Saturday, October 30th, have been identified.

Development Services (7:36 p.m.)

Adam requested and Gellings agreed to provide a Development Services permit activity schedule report, on an on-going basis during the next year.

Gellings conveyed the Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Ordinance discussion during the November Planning Commission meeting was constructive and warranted policy analysis for only a few aspects.

Gellings indicated staff would provide a comprehensive summary of grandfather rights for owners of properties adjacent to critical areas in December.

Gellings indicated SR-520 discussions during Planning Commission meeting emphasized: Medina as one contiguous community, an identity defined by pedestrian trails and natural school-walk routes, and the importance for construction work to be performed in a manner sensitive to the community.

Public Works Department (7:43 p.m.)

Jahn indicated a future proposal for new crosswalk installation at Medina Elementary School following completion of construction, in order to avoid paving disturbances and pedestrian walkway realignment during construction phase.

Jahn commented public education is one of eight criteria the City will go through during the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - Phase II (NPDES, Phase II) project during the next five to seven years. An educational article in the newsletter about storm drain pollution could be part of the requirement, as requested by Rudolph.

Jahn updated Council about the double separation system installed in the Public Works yard that filters oil and water from equipment and prevents pollution from entering wetlands at Medina Park.

In response to Adam, Jahn conveyed Park Board is in the process of completing its vision for Medina parks and has proposed a placeholder in the 2005 budget for park improvements.

Park Board (7:53 p.m.)

No report

Emergency Preparedness Committee (7:54 p.m.)

No report

City Manager (7:54 p.m.)

No report

PUBLIC HEARING

2005 Property Tax Levy & Budget (7:54 p.m.)

Mayor informed council members the second public hearing for 2005 Budget is scheduled for December 13, 2004, but Property Tax Levy must be adopted and filed in Olympia by November 15, 2004.

Schulze presented 2005 Budget proposal and requested direction from Council for 2005 projected revenues, revenue adjustments, and budget expenditures. Schulze provided fund breakdowns and options to reduce 2005 budget, as directed by Council during October Study Session.

Discussion followed.

DISCUSSION

Adam distributed document to council members and defined content (8:57 p.m.).

Blazey distributed document to council members and supported position as defined in document (9:03 p.m.).

Discussion followed.

Mayor declared a five-minute recess at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 10:09 p.m.

Adam distributed document concerning budget. Discussion followed.

During discussion Council concurred against setting a Utility Tax for 2005.

COUNCIL DIRECTED SCHULZE TO PROVIDE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND INFORMATION SERVICES POSITIONS. ADDITIONALLY, COUNCIL REQUESTED COST ANALYSIS FOR INFORMATION SERVICES POSITION, FACTORING EXPENSES FOR OUTSIDE CONSULTING AND IDENTIFYING LEVELS OF SERVICE LOST (10:27 P.M.).
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COUNCIL DIRECTED SCHULZE TO APPROPRIATE \$20,000 IN 2005 BUDGET FOR SR-520 AND JET NOISE MITIGATION (10:46 P.M.).

COUNCIL CONCURRED TO REMOVE \$230,000 FROM 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BUDGET (10:49 P.M.).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

Mayor closed public hearing at 10:47 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider adoption of Ordinance Setting 2005 Property Tax Levy

MOTION PHELPS, SECOND NUNN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE ACCEPTING 2005 PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE OF 1%, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MOTION PASSED, BLAZEY AND ADAM OPPOSED (10:00 P.M.).

Discussion of Health Insurance Costs (10:50 p.m.)

Schulze provided report to Council for discussion, as directed during October meeting.

COUNCIL AGREED TO MOVE DISCUSSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS TO JANUARY 24, 2005 STUDY SESSION.
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Consider Adoption of 2005 Compensation Plan (10:52 p.m.)

During discussion Council agreed to the following corrections to 2005 Compensation Plan:

- Change "Band A" to include: Administrative Assistant, Development Services Coordinator, Information Services Coordinator, and Records Manager,
- Correct Maintenance Worker salary to: Minimum \$3,486, Mid-Range \$3,873, and Maximum \$4,260
- Move Maintenance Worker into separate band
- Delete Engineering Technician, Associate Planner, and Building Inspector from "Band B"
- Delete Building Official from "Band F"

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA, SECOND ADAM TO APPROVE 2005 COMPENSATION PLAN AS CORRECTED, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 11:01 P.M.
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Consider Adoption of Interest Statement for SR-520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project (11:01 p.m.)

Council recommended the following changes to SR-520 Interest Statement:

- Change paragraph 1(c) to “City supports retention”
- Add “strongly supported” to paragraph 2(a)
- Add paragraph to address design and visual impacts of new bridge

Odermat announced Open Houses would be held in February for SR-520 communities.

COUNCIL DIRECTED SCHULZE AND JAHN TO REVISE INTEREST STATEMENT FOR SR-520 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND HOV PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2004 STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION.
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Council Agenda Calendar (11:19 p.m.)

Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Medina Park and Ordinance 12.24.025 Discussion (11:25 p.m.)

Rudolph suggested Council appoint an independent committee to work in conjunction with Park Board to evaluate on and off leash dog policy before Council review next July.

COUNCIL AGREED TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION AND DISCUSS DURING FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.
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Reconstruction Definition Ordinance (11:30 p.m.)

Wines provided revised ordinance information to Council and Gellings defined ordinance purpose and reasons, which necessitated change.

MOTION BLAZEY, SECOND VALL-SPINOSA TO ADOPT REVISED RECONSTRUCTION DEFINITION ORDINANCE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 11:33 P.M.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g), at 11:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

NOVEMBER 8, 2004 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED, FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION, 11:45 P.M.

The November 8, 2004 City Council meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Mayor Mary Odermat

Attest:

Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant